

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS ELIZABETH J. WEST has been appointed Matron of the Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting. Miss West was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from August, 1892, to December, 1896. From December, 1896—December, 1897, she did district nursing in St. John's Parish, Clerkenwell, and from December, 1897, to May, 1898, she held the position of Night Superintendent at the Chelsea Infirmary. Since May, 1898, to the present time, she has been Assistant Matron at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Tooting.

MISS CATHERINE S. BULTEEL has been appointed Matron of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. She received her training at the London Hospital, where she subsequently held the post of Night Sister.

MISS M. W. McDONALL has been appointed Matron of the Rous Memorial Hospital, Newmarket. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has held the position of Matron at the Royal Victoria Nursing Home, South Ascot.

MISS C. M. LYALL has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Women and Children, Edinburgh. She received her three years' training at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, where she subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse of the Obstetric and Children's wards. Later she was appointed Superintendent Nurse of the East Parochial Hospital, Aberdeen. She has also had some experience of private nursing.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS JESSIE REBECCA WARR has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Gore Farm Hospital, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. She was trained at the Evelina and King's College Hospitals, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the South Western Hospital, Stockwell, Ward Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, and Night Superintendent at the Royal Hospital, Belfast.

NIGHT SISTER.

MISS ELIZABETH KEITH has been appointed Night Sister at the Colchester Hospital. She received her training at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has recently been working as a private nurse.

CHARGE NURSE.

MISS MARGARET HAMILTON has been appointed Charge Nurse at Chalmer's Hospital, Edinburgh. She was trained at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, where she subsequently acted as Charge Night Nurse. She has also held the position of Charge Nurse at the Kirkcaldy Hospital.

An Ideal Superintendent.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MISS MONK.

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LAST week the whole of the space at my disposal was necessarily devoted to the system of training at King's, but the improvements in the wards also demand attention, and in many of these one notices the all-pervading hand of the Sister-Matron. First must be mentioned the floors, which are now of polished wood, giving the wards that cosy appearance quite unobtainable with scrubbed boards, and at the same time infinitely more hygienic as they present a smooth and polished surface to the microbe, from which he is easily removed. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the perfect flooring has yet to be discovered for a highly polished surface—and unless it is highly polished it does not fulfil the desired end—is not an ideal practising ground for surgical patients up on crutches for the first time, or, indeed, for any convalescents. At King's the advisability of having terazzo floors was considered, but these would have necessitated an additional layer of concrete in each case, and the architect would not take the responsibility of authorizing the additional weight on the foundations. Terazzo also, though it may be all that is desirable in a warm climate like Italy, in this country is somewhat cold.

In addition to the new floors, electric light has been installed throughout the building, and this with the greatest consideration for the comfort of the patients. There is a single light in the centre of the ward, with a green shade, and which can be drawn down at night over the table, so that the night nurse gets a good light while the rest of the ward is in darkness. The other lights are fixed over the beds, just behind the patient's head, and are a great boon to those patients who desire to read in bed, while at night they are all put out, and the patients sleep in a really darkened ward. There is, however, provision for the attachment of a hand electric lamp which throws a strong light in any direction desired, but as it has a green shade, does not light the ward in other directions. A word must be said about the Sisters' tables in the centre of each ward, which have been designed by the Sister Matron. They are of polished wood, or, in some of the smaller wards, where the tables also are consequently smaller, a marble slab forms the top. On the side where the Sister sits is a knee hole, and on each side of this are drawers, in which are arranged, in most orderly fashion, all the

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